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This information disclosure statement is filed either (1) within three  
months of the filing date of the national applications; (2) within three  
months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in  
37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the  
mailing date of a first office action on the merits, whichever event  
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Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires no fee and no certification.

( ) 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

This information disclosure statement is filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either (1) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or (2) a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires either the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (\$210), or a certification according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

( ) 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

This information disclosure statement is filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires the petition fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1) to consider an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) (\$130), a certification according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.

### Conditional Petition

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered, good cause being presented in Part III herein (certification). please treat this paper as the required petition.

If this statement crosses in the mail with an office action, or is otherwise not in the indicated category of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, it is respectfully requested that this statement be treated in the next appropriate category and made of record.

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### Part II (Payment)

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 500365. An additional copy of this information disclosure statement is enclosed.

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### **Part III (Certification)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), I certify:

- (X) No certification is necessary.
- ( ) (1) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
- ( ) The “communication from a foreign patent office” referred to in the certification is an International Search Report, possibly issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as an International Search Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority.
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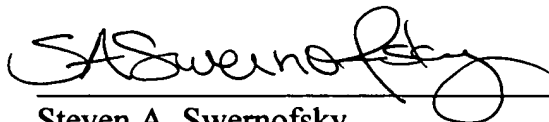
### **Part IV (Additional Statement)**

An additional statement regarding these items of information ( ) is, (X) is not, enclosed.

Copies of the cited art (X) are enclosed, ( ) are of record in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and will be provided if the Examiner deems it convenient.

Respectfully submitted,

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